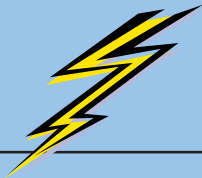


Middle Beach News

Fall 2002

City of Miami Beach

Neighborhood Services Department



FP&L

Middle Beach residents who would like to report power outages or inoperative streetlights in the evening can call Florida Power & Light at 305-442-8770.

Neighborhood Meeting Addresses Quality of Life Issues

Thirty one Middle Beach residents attended a neighborhood meeting held on Monday, October 21, 2002 at the Miami Heart Institute. Those in attendance identified a number of concerns affecting the community's quality of life. This newsletter highlights those areas and provides important information regarding

the City's programs and the community's responsibilities. Educating the community is the first step towards enhancing the quality of life in neighborhoods. The following four items were identified as neighborhood priorities:

1. Florida Power and Light; frequent power outages, trees

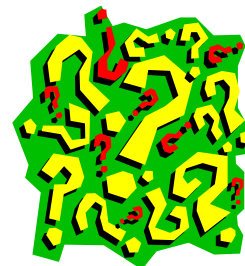
interfering with power lines causing power outages, and poor job of tree trimming by FP&L contractors.

2. Speeding enforcement on LaGorce, Pinetree, Alton, and North Bay Road.

3. Increase in Code Compliance enforcement.

4. Conduct a traffic

pattern study to see if any improvements can be made.



Watch your speed!

Area residents expressed their concerns regarding speeding vehicles in their neighborhoods.



The Miami Beach Police Department has stepped up enforcement throughout Middle Beach. In addition to an increase in the number of times the Motor Unit sets up radar surveillance on the main thoroughfares, the Department is also using "Smart Trailers" around Middle Beach. Smart Trailers are those large, mobile radar equipped signs that automatically record your speed and flash that number on a large high visibility board. Police use these signs as a reminder to motorists to pay attention to how fast they are going. (Incidentally, the trailers have the capability of videotaping speeders.) Oftentimes, people don't realize that their speed is slowly increasing the farther they travel from home. The Smart Trailer is sort of a "friendly warning".

Once drivers are educated about speed limits, the Motor Unit will often set up radar surveillance where the Smart Trailers were located and issue tickets to speeders.

Police Bulletin



The Miami Beach Police Department has issued an advisory bulletin to residents in the Middle Beach area between 41 Street and 63 Street. Police is advising residents to be sure to set home alarms, and report any neighbor's alarm going off to police; make sure all second floor windows and exterior doors are secured; secure all pet entrances at night; lock all gates around property; don't leave driveway gates and garage doors open or unattended; don't leave ladders or other items lying around your property that could be used to gain access to the second floor; store valuables in safety deposit boxes or home safes; and be sure to get proper identification from any person before allowing them into your home. Miami Beach police officers continue to diligently undertake surveillance operations.

Watch where you park!

When parking in the residential areas, be careful not to: block the sidewalk; block any crosswalk; park in front of a fire hydrant; or park in the travel lanes of the road (obstructing traffic). The infractions described herein fall into the category of "prohibited or hazardous parking" and result in a \$28.00 parking citation.

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Important Phone Numbers

CiviCall
(For Information & Comments)
305-604-CITY (2489)

Office of the Mayor and Commission
305-673-7030

Office of the City Manager
305-673-7010

Police (non-emergency)
305-673-7900

Fire (non-emergency)
305-673-7120

Neighborhood Services
305-673-7077

Community Resource & Outreach
305-673-7580

Parks & Recreation
305-673-7730

Parking
305-673-PARK

City Job Hotline
305-673-7777

City Clerk
305-673-7411

Bulky Waste Pick-Up Appointment
305-633-2700

24-Hour Services

Water & Sewer Streets Sidewalks Streetlights Stormwater
305-673-7625

Traffic Signals
305-592-3580

FPL (power outages & street lights on wooden poles)
305-442-8770

Cats and Dogs

The City of Miami Beach has a population of 87,933 people and an unknown population of cats and dogs. In an effort to keep the City's public rights of way clean, Ordinance 10-13, also referred to as the Pooper Scooper Ordinance, was enacted.

Ordinance 10-13 states that any person owning, possessing, having the care, charge, control or custody of any animal shall immediately remove and therefore dispose of any fecal matter deposited by the animal on public or private property (other than the property of the owner).

To better accommodate pet owners in these efforts, the City of Miami Beach Parks Department has installed box dispensers with scooper plastic bags throughout the City. There are currently 5 boxes located in Flamingo Park, 5 boxes in Lummus Park and 10 boxes on Lincoln Road. The dispensers are easily identifiable with signage that states, "Dog owners are requested to clean up after their dogs. Use scoop provided, deposit waste in garbage container. Thank you." They are installed in convenient locations adjacent to park entrances, walkways and near trash receptacles.

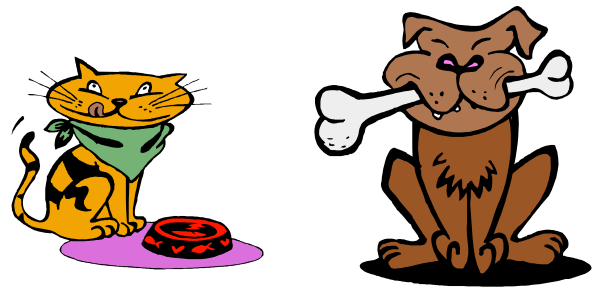
Please remember that the bags are a convenience to the City's dog owning residents and should be used as needed, leaving bags to be used by others. Please note that pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets, and sometimes the free bags are unavailable. Be sure to bring some from home- just in case.

While the dog population is often monitored by it's owners, the cat population requires a community effort. If you are interested in controlling the cat population in South Beach, please contact the following two volunteer organizations:

Sobe Spay & Neuter, 305-864-8649 sterilizes cats on Miami Beach for a nominal charge.

The Cat Network, 305-255-3482, controls stray and feral cat populations in South Florida by spaying and neutering cats for a nominal charge and finds suitable homes for adoptable stray and feral cats and kittens.

To report animal cruelty or the pick-up of a dead animal, please contact the **Animal Service Unit of the Miami-Dade Police Department, 305-884-1101.**



Road Repairs

When utilities such as the electric or gas company work on their service delivery systems, it often means tearing up roadways to access pipes, cables or other items. The City of Miami Beach Public Works Department works closely with FDOT and Miami-Dade County to minimize inconvenience to City residents and monitors all utility repairs performed on Miami Beach to ensure that roadways are properly completed.

Code Compliance Division Responds to Resident Requests

The Code Compliance Division is working hard to ensure that our neighborhoods stay attractive and safe. Part of that effort is investigating resident complaints about conditions that may be violations in their neighborhood.

Sometimes residents become frustrated, because it appears as if nothing is being done. Often, calls come in from residents who state that they registered a complaint weeks ago and the condition that prompted the call is the same.

What most people don't realize is that the inspectors usually visit a complaint a very short time after it is received, usually a day or so. Upon inspection, if they find a violation, they issue a notice to the owner. Unless it is a life threatening condition, the owners has 30 days to correct the violation, or ask for (and justify) a time extension. Until the complaint is satisfied, the case is never closed.

